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SUBJ: CSCE: INDICATIONS OF LATEST SOVIET THINKING ON TIMING OF
STAGE III

1. AS RECENTLY AS TWO WEEKS AGO SOVIETS, EVEN IN PRIVATE CONTACTS, WERE MAINTAINING THAT THEY WERE STILL INTERESTED IN MEETING TIMING FOR CONCLUSION OF CSCE WHICH HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY BREZHNEV -- E.G. ENDING STAGE II IN EARLY JUNE FOR A STAGE III BEGINNING ABOUT JUNE 30.

2. LAST WEEK SOVIETS SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN'S MAY 6 COMMENT TO HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS (REPORTED IN USIS WIRELESS FILE WHICH SOVIETS HERE RECEIVE) TO EFFECT THAT STAGE II COULD END "AS EARLY AS MID-JUNE," WITH SUBSEQUENT TIMING OF STAGE III DEPENDENT ON PRACTICAL PREPARATORY ARRANGMENTS OF FINNISH GOVERNMENT.

3. AT NATO CAUCUS MAY 13 ITALIAN DEL HEAD SAID DEPUTY HEAD OF SOVIET DEL (BASKET III CHIEF DUBININ) HAD TOLD HIM SOVIETS WERE NOW INTERESTED IN CONCLUDING STAGE II ABOUT END OF JUNE FOR A STAGE III AT THE END OF
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JULY. THIS WAS COOROBORATED BY PORTUGUESE REP, WHO

SAID BULGARIAN DEL HEAD HAD TAKEN SAME LINE IN CON-
VERSATION WITH HIM. BULGARIAN REPORTEDLY STRESSED THAT
IF STAGE III IS NOT HELD BEFORE AUGUST US-SOVIET SUMMIT
AND UNGA WOULD MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO HOLD IT BEFORE
MID-OCTOBER.

4. FYI: FINNS HERE HAVE EXPRESSED SOME SENSITIVITY TO
IMPLICATION THAT THEY MAY NOT BE READY TO HOST STAGE III
AT ANY TIME. THEY STRESS THAT FOUR-WEEK INTERVAL BETWEEN
STAGES II AND III IS REQUIRED SOLELY FOR PRINTING OF FINAL
DOCUMENTS AND THAT THEY CAN ACCOMMODATE STAGE III AT ANY
TIME IN JULY.
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